

45. (New) An isolated antibody which specifically binds to a polypeptide selected from the group consisting of:

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- a) a polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:1, and
 - b) a polypeptide comprising a naturally occurring amino acid sequence at least 90% identical to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:1, said naturally occurring amino acid sequence having 1-pyrroline-5-carboxylate reductase activity.

46. (New) The antibody of claim 45 which specifically binds to a polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:1.

47. (New) The antibody of claim 45 which specifically binds to a polypeptide comprising a naturally-occurring amino acid sequence at least 90% identical to the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:1, said naturally occurring amino acid sequence having 1-pyrroline-5-carboxylate reductase activity.

48. (New) A diagnostic test for a condition or disease associated with the expression of P5CRH in a biological sample, the method comprising:

- a) combining the biological sample with an antibody of claim 45, under conditions suitable for the antibody to bind the polypeptide and form an antibody:polypeptide complex, and
- b) detecting the complex, wherein the presence of the complex correlates with the presence of the polypeptide in the biological sample.

49. (New) The antibody of claim 45, wherein the antibody is:

- a) a chimeric antibody,
- b) a single chain antibody,
- c) a Fab fragment,
- d) a F(ab')₂ fragment, or

- e) a humanized antibody.

50. (New) A composition comprising an antibody of claim 45 and an acceptable excipient.

51. (New) A method of diagnosing a condition or disease associated with the expression of P5CRH in a subject, comprising administering to said subject an effective amount of the composition of claim 50.

52. (New) A composition of claim 50, wherein the antibody is labeled.

53. (New) A method of diagnosing a condition or disease associated with the expression of P5CRH in a subject, comprising administering to said subject an effective amount of the composition of claim 52.

54. (New) A method of preparing a polyclonal antibody with the specificity of the antibody of claim 45, the method comprising:

- a) immunizing an animal with a polypeptide having the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:1, or an immunogenic fragment thereof, under conditions to elicit an antibody response,
- b) isolating antibodies from said animal, and
- c) screening the isolated antibodies with the polypeptide, thereby identifying a polyclonal antibody which binds specifically to a polypeptide having the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:1.

55. (New) A polyclonal antibody produced by a method of claim 54.

56. (New) A composition comprising the polyclonal antibody of claim 55 and a suitable carrier.

57. (New) A method of making a monoclonal antibody with the specificity of the antibody of claim 45, the method comprising:

- a) immunizing an animal with a polypeptide having the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:1, or an immunogenic fragment thereof, under conditions to elicit an antibody response,
- b) isolating antibody producing cells from the animal,
- c) fusing the antibody producing cells with immortalized cells to form monoclonal antibody-producing hybridoma cells,
- d) culturing the hybridoma cells, and
- e) isolating from the culture monoclonal antibody which binds specifically to a polypeptide having the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:1.

58. (New) A monoclonal antibody produced by a method of claim 57.

59. (New) A composition comprising the monoclonal antibody of claim 58 and a suitable carrier.

60. (New) The antibody of claim 45, wherein the antibody is produced by screening a Fab expression library.

61. (New) The antibody of claim 45, wherein the antibody is produced by screening a recombinant immunoglobulin library.

62. (New) A method of detecting a polypeptide having the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:1 in a sample, the method comprising:

- a) incubating the antibody of claim 45 with a sample under conditions to allow specific binding of the antibody and the polypeptide, and
- b) detecting specific binding, wherein specific binding indicates the presence of a polypeptide having the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:1 in the sample.

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63. (New) A method of purifying a polypeptide having the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:1 from a sample, the method comprising:

- a) incubating the antibody of claim 45 with a sample under conditions to allow specific binding of the antibody and the polypeptide, and
- b) separating the antibody from the sample and obtaining the purified polypeptide having the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:1.